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Re: Motion for Extension of Time, WC Docket No. 03-189

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Please accept the attached Motion for Extension of Time for filing in the docket identified above.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,



Glenn T. Reynolds

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cc: William Maher
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**Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Joint Petition of BellSouth,)	
Qwest and SBC for)	WC Docket 03-189
Forbearance from the Current)	
Pricing Rules for the Unbundled)	
Network Element Platform)	

**JOINT PETITION OF BELL SOUTH, SBC AND QWEST
FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE REPLY COMMENTS**

Pursuant to §1.46 of the Commission's rules, petitioners BellSouth, Qwest and SBC request an extension of two (2) business days for filing of reply comments in this proceeding.

Comments on the Joint Petition originally were due September 18, 2003, with Reply Comments due 15-days thereafter, on October 3, 2003. Due to Hurricane Isabel, however, the FCC was closed September 18 and 19, and pursuant to FCC rules and Public Notice, the comment period was extended until September 22. Therefore, in order to provide petitioners the 15-day period for reply comments anticipated by the original scheduling order, petitioners request that the Commission extend, by an equivalent time, the due date for filing reply comments in this proceeding. Specifically, we request that

the Commission issue a notice extending the period for filing reply comment to Tuesday, October 7, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,



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